

In the Claims

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Please cancel Claim 8, and amend Claims 1 and 10 as follows:

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1. (*Currently amended*) A palm office assistant comprising:
a portable computing device;
a scanner integrated with the portable computing device as a single portable device with scanning capability, the scanner exposing to a scanning object and generating an image thereof when the portable computing device and the scanning object have a relative motion;
and
wherein the portable computing device includes an optical recognition engine that receives the image and produces texts therefrom.
 2. (*Original*) The palm office assistant of claim 1, wherein the portable computing device includes a display screen for displaying the texts from the optical recognition engine.
 3. (*Original*) The palm office assistant of claim 2, wherein the optical recognition engine is a software module executing in the portable computing device.
 4. (*Original*) The palm office assistant of claim 1, wherein the scanner is operatively controllable through the portable computing device.
 5. (*Original*) The palm office assistant of claim 4, wherein an image resolution of the scanner is re-configurable through the portable computing device.
 6. (*Original*) The palm office assistant of claim 1, wherein the scanner includes an optical encoder that records the relative motion between the portable computing device and the scanning object.

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7. *(Original)* The palm office assistant of claim 1, wherein the scanner is a contact image sensor (CIS) including a linear sensor, an array of optical lenses, and an illumination source.
 8. *(Cancelled)*
 9. *(Currently amended)* A palm office assistant comprising:
 - a portable computing device including a display screen;
 - a linear scanner integrated with portable computing device as a single portable device with scanning capability and exposing to a scanning document, the linear scanner including a contact image sensor and generating an image when the linear scanner moves across an area of the scanning document, the area including texts, wherein the image is processed in the portable computing device executing an OCR engine to reproduce the texts; and
 - wherein the texts can be displayed on the display screen when requested.
 10. *(Original)* The palm office assistant of claim 9, wherein the linear scanner further includes an optical encoder to synchronize the image being generated in the linear scanner.
 11. *(Original)* The palm office assistant of claim 9, wherein the portable computing device executes one or more application to parse the texts and fill in appropriate fields of one or more records maintained therein.
 12. *(Original)* The palm office assistant of claim 11, wherein the portable computing device is able to transport the one or more records to another device via a communication link.

13. (Original) The palm office assistant of claim 12, wherein the communication link is either a wired link or a wireless link.

14. (Original) The palm office assistant of claim 9 wherein the portable computing device includes telephonic functions.

15. (Original) The palm office assistant of claim 9, wherein the area of the scanning document also includes a graphic representation.